The Spirit of the Age is true Advocate of Moral Reform.

and Cheap Price. Readers must not be bewildered in a forest of every thing, if you would have them give their minds to definite thinking. Nor must they be crowded with more ~~at a time~~ than they can read & digest.

How would it work to merge the Union Missionary in such a paper, including in its object, a revived Spirituality & Reformed Christian institutions, at home and abroad? And how would it do to merge the Christian Investigator in the same? You could publish it at N. York, or Albany or further west, if you had Courage & means to take hold. You could be principal, or resident Editor, & I could furnish a part of the matter — as much, if you chose, as the Chr. Investigator now Contains. I could write as Corresponding Editor, & be responsible for my own matter by affixing my signature. — My list of names would go on your direction book. A reasonable and moderate Compensation for writing would suffice me. D. Lafon, too, might write some, & obtain subscribers as he lectures. — We want some such rallying point, & the movement itself would inspire Courage. On one point I have some doubts, & perhaps you would have more. At my stand point & through my Spectacles, I see, or think I see some truths requiring utterance which might frighten your eastern readers. (if they are in the latitude of Boston. But if they are, they would hardly want your Union Missionary) Your position I judge to be, nearly that which I held in 1841—2. when my Chr. Investigator was commenced — that is, in respect to the Church question. — If you can reach & lead on a new recruit that would be frightened at my name or with my writings, it would be a pity to hinder them. — Think of it, and let me know

Yours truly O. Scott

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And this introduces another topic on which we must, in some way Confer. We are charged, by the Syracuse Convention with the duty, as a part of a Committee, to see about establishing a paper to carry out its views. — Bro. Leavitt, it seems, is not prepared to do that, if he should establish a paper, which is uncertain. I should much regret his attempting it, with his present views. It would only prove another N.Y. Evangelist to "keep the promise to the ear and break it to the hope". — We want something else, this time. — Who shall do any thing about it, if you or I do not move? Have you Consulted any other of the Committee?

I have had some thoughts cross my mind, at times. I cannot call them mature, but you may turn them over & perhaps get Something out of them. — A weekly of the usual size paper is too heavy a pecuniary burthen. A little monthly is not enough. How would it do to Start a Semi Monthly, size & price of the Oberlin Evangelist, or perhaps of the Union Missionary (at $1.00 per annum?) I have long thought that a moderate Size Semi monthly or even monthly produces a more distinct impression on a given Subject than a huge weekly Sheet, necessarily crammed with much Common place, in which any Editors ideas, if he has any, are liable to be lost, and his aims overlooked. I think my Ch. Investigator has produced more effect than tho' I had given the Same matter the Same circulation, mixed up with the ordinary Contents of a huge Sheet. The influence of the Oberlin Evangelist, I think, is owing much to its distinct Character, Small Size, semi monthly appearance, ~~less frequent appearance~~

meeting, & never intended to appear in print. — I hope you will keep an eye on it, & ferret it out.

And there is to be no Missionary Convention in N. England! Another indication, I suppose, of "Reforming the Board" & so stealthily that the Board itself shall not find it out! — Even Bro. Lovejoy falls in with this, does he? And because "the Missionary Question was working so well, in the Country"! (How? When? Where? Not in N England, I fear.) The very reason, if it be so, that such a Convention should be held. Had it been "working well" the Convention could not have been postponed. — All this, I confess, looks more to me, like Mahommets going to the Mountain, than the Mountains coming to Mahomet! — "We shall see." — I am willing to have all possible "faith in our friends" but I wish I could see them have more "faith" in the truth.

Well! As there is to be no N. England Missionary Convention — when, & where shall we have our Missionary Convention for discussing the modus operandi of Christian Missions? As our Eastern brethren do not choose to co-operate, might we not as well have the Convention in Central a Western N York, instead of Albany which would be quite out of the Center for us! — I think it will be reserved to interior N York to pioneer in this matter. —

I wish I could see you & talk, often, & confer with you. But we must keep up writing each other "outer nos" — as you say. & Co-operate as far as we are able.

Mrs Goodell, May 8. 1846. Ans 5 July 2.

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Brother Phelps

Many thanks for the interesting items furnished me in yours of 10th inst. ——— By the bye, I have forgotten — if I ever knew — any thing of the Ruptures between bro's Leavitt & Tappan. — Do again — you do not tell me, after all, the location of Prof. Upham, nor the Literary Institution of which he is professor. — Your mention of the circumstance of his "coming into your Office recently" looks like his residing in your City. — Tho' that does not follow.

Bro. Leavitt expects to reform & weild the Board! ('Tis a good thing to have Courage) but his process of "reforming" I do not understand. — Is the Board to be reformed by Reformers who hold Church Reform Conventions, under its nose, without mention of its errors? — And, then, his Notice of Sec. Greene's Letter at the Missionary Meeting in Hollis ton looks as tho' he would be pretty easily satisfied. You see what W.W. Patton says of that Matter in the Quarter Oak of March 26. — One of the Prudential Com. knew nothing of it, & said "The Creation to the Cherokees is probably an old affair. We have done nothing new in the Case." He (Patton) thinks that if Sec. Greene wrote any such letter "it must have been on his own individual Authority." ——— The last man on the Com. to have done it! I strongly suspect the whole was a hoax got up for the Holleston